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BOB TAYLOR

Will Lecture at Louisa About June 11th.

Great Lecturer Contributing His Valuable Services to the Kentucky Normal College.

Through the efforts of Congressman John W. Langley, Louisa is to have the rare pleasure of hearing United States Senator Bob Taylor deliver one of his famous lectures. The date will be June 11th, unless changed within the next few days.

Learning of the needs of the Kentucky Normal College Gov. Taylor's big-hearted disposition prompted him to offer his valuable services free, agreeing to deliver one of his great lectures here for the benefit of this school. This promise was made last year, but the demands upon his time have been so great that he has not heretofore been able to make a date for Louisa.

We hardly think it necessary to tell our readers who Gov. Bob Taylor is. Tennessee would be famous for having produced him, if for no other reason. He is today the most entertaining lecturer in the United States. His services are in demand on every lecture platform in the country. Five hundred dollars is probably less than the average sum paid him for each time he delivers a lecture. His generous offer in this instance is equivalent to a gift of five hundred dollars, so far as he is concerned. It is very much hoped that the people of this section will show their appreciation of Gov. Taylor's sacrifice and at the same time help out the good cause by giving Gov. Taylor a crowd that will stand as a record-breaker for many years.

The auditorium of the college building will be seated and prepared for this occasion. It will hold 1000 people or more, and should be filled to its utmost capacity. No such an opportunity has ever before been presented to our people.

M. E. Church, South.

The Rev. W. L. Reid, pastor, is absent, and on Sunday last, morning and evening his pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Richard Woods, a local minister of Huntington, who preached two good sermons. Mr. Woods was ordained to the ministry by the late Bishop Fitzgerald, during the meeting of the Western Virginia Conference which was held here some years ago. Mrs. Woods accompanied her husband on his recent visit and they were entertained at the parsonage. The Rev. A. M. Kennison will be the supply next Sunday morning and evening.

HEAVY RAISE IN VALUES.

State Board of Equalization Oversteps the Bounds of Reason.

The recent work of the State Board of Equalization has been variously commented upon, ranging from faint praise to utter condemnation. Reading the proceedings will show the quarter from whence the praise and the condemnation come. Twenty-six counties were accepted without raise, among them being Carter, Knott, Martin and Pike. Johnson, with many others, gets a raise of 5 per cent. In the ten per cent list are Boyd, Floyd, Lawrence and Letcher. Magoffin gets a fifteen per cent lift, while our western neighbor, Morgan, gets a skyward boost of twenty-five per cent. These assessments were upon lands and with a few exceptions the same raise is made on all classes of property.

Lawrence county was originally raised fifteen per cent, but it will be seen that our committee who visited Frankfort, Judge T. S. Thompson and W. T. Cain, succeeded in bringing it down to ten per cent.

Fresh Laurels.

Miss Kate Freese appeared in a concert recital at the M. E. church, Ashland, last Thursday evening and the Independent, of that city, thus speaks of her:

Miss Katharine Freese, soloist at the First M. E. Church, South, sang better, if possible, than ever before in her double number.

Miss Freese, in her second appearance, sang "Hosanna," by Grainer, and was ably supported by Mr. Hutchinson at the organ. This sacred song of Easter-tide is well calculated to show the wide range of which Miss Freese is master.

Comets and Eclipses.

Louisa has witnessed both during the past week. Many people had their doubts about the old sky ho-bo, but he was surely visible, and with something of a tail, several nights shortly after sunset. The moon was totally eclipsed on the night of the 23rd, but the sky was overcast with clouds and a heavy rain fell and spoiled the show. Eclipses are of frequent occurrences but it will probably be a long time before we see another "comet."

Were Taken to Frankfort.

Sheriff Burriss, of Pike county, passed through Louisa last Sunday, having in charge en route to the Frankfort penitentiary the following prisoners: Creed Bryant, robbing, one year; Harrison Rife and John Rife, charged with house breaking and given five years each; Rod Harris, convicted of murder and given fifteen years; Lewis Mullins, colored, brutal crime, and given two years.

FLOYD FRAZIER HANGED.

Young Murderer Pays the Penalty in Letcher County.

Young Floyd Frazier paid the death penalty at Whitesburg, Letcher county, last Thursday afternoon for the murder of Ellen Flannery, of Pert creek, May 16th, 1907. The march to the scaffold was started at 12:20 o'clock. On the scaffold Frazier made a statement that his sins had been forgiven. The drop fell at one-thirty and in eleven minutes he was pronounced dead. Five thousand people witnessed the execution.

On the morning of May 16th, 1907 Ellen Flannery, a poor widow living alone with her three small children on Pert creek, near Whitesburg, went into the mountains nearby to pick greens for the noonday meal. The children awaited their mother's return—far into the following day, until a visitor came to find her missing. A search was instituted, being joined by twenty or more of the woman's neighbors.

At length her mutilated body which was covered with huge stones was found in a dark ravine only a short distance from the humble home. Her throat was cut from ear to ear while the breast, arms and hands were horribly mutilated with knife wounds. Frazier's suspicious acts led to his arrest, and after several delays he suffered the extreme penalty.

The execution of Frazier was the first legal hanging in the history of Letcher county, and is perhaps the last legal hanging that will take place in the state. During the early "80's" "Tib" Combs, a local tough, killed William Polley, his cousin, during a drunken row shortly above the town. His arrest followed. That night masked men demanded the keys of Hiram Williams, the jailer, and Combs was taken to the outskirts of the town and lynched.

For the commission of any crime after June 12, for which death is the penalty, electrocution will be used instead of hanging, and the execution will take place in the Ed-dyville penitentiary.

Decoration Day at Buchanan.

Decoration Day will be observed May thirtieth at Buchanan Chapel. Preaching in fore noon and afternoon. All day service. Everyone invited come and bring your baskets. Dinner on ground.

World's S. S. Convention.

Washington, D. C., May 21, 1910.

In company with my daughter, who was a delegate to the World's Sunday School Convention, we started from Buchanan for Washington on the 18th. On the train we met F. T. D. Wallace, Sr., and wife and Mrs. Nash, of Louisa, also on their way to the great convention.

Our congenial friend, Ben U. Stell, met us at the depot in Washington and gave us such information as we needed. After lunch we went to Calvary Baptist church and the delegates with us procured badges. We met delegates from all over the world, among them a Japanese delegation whom we found to be very intelligent.

The first session of the convention met at 2:30 at Convention Hall, a very large place. Most all the delegates got in and a few out-riders. Delegates who were not there at the proper time lost their places, which were filled by the public. The crowd turned away was greater than what went in. We visited the Congressional Library, the grandest building we ever entered. Next day we attended another of the conventions at the Congregational church, where we heard some of the best talks of our life. Those foreign delegates thrilled our souls with the grand things they said about the Sunday School work. J. F. Hatten.

Judge W. W. Marcum Nominated.

Judge W. W. Marcum, an old time Louisian, has received the Democratic nomination for member of the West Virginia House of Delegates from Wayne county and will be elected. Judge Marcum has made good in the county across the river. He is a lawyer of much experience and ability, popular and highly esteemed. He was a good Democrat while he lived here and notwithstanding the allurements of the flesh pots of Egypt he has kept the faith.

Married in Open Court.

Mrs. Minnie Dillon, aged 27, and J. W. Wiley, aged 26, came down from Torchlight Thursday morning, procured a license and expressed their intention to marry. County Judge Boggs was holding court in the court room, and by him and in the presence of a large number of spectators they were properly united. This was Mr. Wiley's first venture upon the married state but his bride had been there once before.

College and Public School Faculty.

The Louisa public schools for next year will be run in connection with the Kentucky Normal College, as heretofore. In addition to Prof. Byington, Kennison, and McClure the teachers will be Roscoe Murray, G. M. Copley, J. B. Artrip, Mrs. W. N. Sullivan and Miss Sallie Gearheart. In the commercial department of the college the teachers will be Mr. Steyer, T. S. Spradlin and Miss Lizzie Bromley. Also, Miss Cordelia Stewart will be a member of the College faculty.

Break in the Main.

We had no gas for use for about an hour on Thursday last. A bad place in the main near Eloise had existed for some time, and Superintendent McCarty brought a force of men on the day mentioned and made the necessary repairs. Consumers experienced very little, if any, inconvenience from the slight shut off.

Wayne Primaries.

The Democrats of Wayne county held a primary election Saturday for the purpose of nominating candidates to be elected at the November election, resulting in the nomination of the following: For the House of Delegates, Hon. W. W. Marcum and F. W. Terrill; County Commissioner, W. B. Superintendent of Schools, O.

Miss Josephine Richard, etteville, Va., who had been visiting Louisa friends for a returned home Friday. She accompanied by Mrs. Charles, of Fayetteville, and Mr. Carey.

CONFERENCE.

Work of the Quadrennial Meeting at Asheville.

General Conference of the M. E. Church South Elects Seven New Bishops.

The sixteenth quadrennial session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, held at Asheville, S. C., came to a close last Saturday night. The closing exercises were conducted by Bishop A. W. Wilson, who as senior bishop expressed the belief that in his opinion, safe, sane and conservative measures had been adopted and that it was his opinion that the church would in the next few years go forward in leaps and bounds.

One of the most radical laws made was that requiring the bishop to announce his appointments at an annual conference before his cabinet of presiding elders before giving them in open session of the conference.

Much confusion was created during the session by the discussion as to whether the conference shall strike out the words, "The Holy Catholic church" in the creed and substitute the words "Church of God." Points of order, amendments, questions of personal privileges and substitutes flew through the air thick and fast, and at times it was almost impossible to state just what was before the conference. The Rev. J. W. Perry finally made the point of order that the question had not been properly put before the conference. The point was sustained and the afternoon session adjourned without the question being settled.

Seven new bishops were elected: Dr. Collins Denny, Dr. J. C. Kilgo, Rev. W. B. Murrah, D. D. W. R. Lambuth, of Tennessee; E. D. Mouzin, of Texas; R. G. Waterhouse, of Virginia, and J. H. McCoy, of Alabama.

It is generally understood that the old college of bishops, with the exception of one member, Bishop James Atkins, was not in favor of the change in name of the church the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. The question will now be put before every annual conference in the connection.

Decoration Day.

Let us not forget the silent resting places of our loved and lost ones next Monday. Though gone from our mortal vision we see them through eyes of hope and faith, and it is fitting that with earth's choicest, rarest flowers we "garland the graves of our dead." They are not, cannot be, forgotten, but it is well that on each recurring thirtieth day of May we carry to their sacred dust these fragrant evidences that those dear ones are living in our hearts.

Ice Cream With Trimmings.

Or strawberries with trimmings, or cake and so forth. You pay your money and take your choice. It will be afternoon and evening. The time is Friday, May 27, and the place is the Burchett building, one door below the Snyder Hardware Store. The very best of articles named, served nicely, will be offered by the ladies of the M. E. church, South, and your liberal patronage is desired and expected.

Measles.

An epidemic of measles prevails here at this time. It is not of the Spanish, German or black variety—just the old time sort like mother used to have. An anxious parent called a doctor if this wasn't to have "um," but he told him she meant, the boy who had the disease, so he asked with a he had seen the comet, and berucolosis.

Ed Fagg Visits his Brother.

Mr. Ed Fagg, of Christiansburg, Va., was in Louisa last week, the guest of his brother, J. J. Fagg. Mr. Fagg has been steward of many of the big hotels in the United States, and is personally acquainted with very many of the distinguished men of the country. He is the personal friend of James Whitcomb Riley, and hopes to have the Hoosier poet visit Louisa with him some day. He is a poet of no mean ability himself. Mr. Fagg informed the News that when the present King and Queen of England were in Canada he had the honor to direct the making of the menu for the grand banquet served in their honor.

Miss Lucretia McClure.

In the list of graduates of Maryland College, Lutherville, Md., we notice the name of Miss Lucretia McClure, daughter of Prof. T. B. McClure, of Wayne, W. Va. Also, we note that she is president of the graduating class of thirty-three young ladies, which fact is a substantial recognition of her popularity and superior accomplishments. She is a very bright girl and has made an enviable record at the high class school from which she is graduating.

Clerks on N. & W. Strike.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week a strike was called by the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks on the N. and W., and as a result most of the clerks all along the line went out. The strike has been settled and many of the clerks are still "out."

PIKEVILLE MEETING CLOSED.

Holcomb Revival Resulted in Much Good in Upper Valley.

May 24, 1910.—The great Holcomb revival closed here Friday night. More than one thousand dollars was realized by the free will offering and for the incidental expenses. Scores of people confessed Christ and there has been a general awakening religiously and the churches have been greatly strengthened and revived by the increase in membership. A baptist organization was effected after the revival through the instrumentality of Rev. Emerson, pastor baptist church of Paintsville. They have forty-eight members. Many of them being new additions who were baptized Sunday. The state board of baptist church made an appropriation of \$2500 to supplement a like amount to be raised by membership for the erection of a baptist church. Fourteen hundred dollars of required amount was subscribed Sunday night. Among the new membership are Dr. J. W. Vickers, J. E. Hylton, W. H. McCulloch and wife, Arch Jackson and wife and Dr. J. D. Wade. M. E. church, South, Presbyterian, M. E. church and Christian churches were greatly strengthened by a large increase in membership. Among the Presbyterians are Mr. and Mrs. J. Sink Chase, F. G. Parker and others. M. E. church, South, Dr. Z. A. Thompson, J. I. Stratton, J. P. Nelkirk and many others. Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Holcomb are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mayo, at Paintsville, after which they will return to their home in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McClelland celebrate their fifteenth anniversary with a large reception at their home tonight. W. H. Flannery is in Catlettsburg attending Federal court. O. A. Stump has returned from Cincinnati, where he has been taking treatment from a specialist and seems to have entirely recovered his health. Dudley Christian, of near Fort Gay, died on the 16th of this month of consumption. He left a widow and one child. Mr. Christian was a good man and citizen, respected by all who knew him. He was a son of A. V. Christian, and was the second child to fall a victim of tuberculosis.

A Midsummer Night's Dream.

On Sunday night, last, the Rev. Dr. Hanford, of the M. E. church, delivered the second of a series of discourses which he is giving Sunday nights under the above caption. Each discourse is upon a different subject. On the first occasion Dr. Hanford discussed the question of Christianity finally covering the whole earth. Last Sunday night he spoke upon the subject of Christian Unity—whether or not organic union of all the denominations would ever occur. Dr. Hanford did not declare positively which he favored, the affirmative or the negative of these questions, but the attentive listener could read between the lines and see which way he leaned. The title of the series being Shakespearean the News will say that the audiences far exceed in number Two Gentlemen From Verona. None of the addresses will be A Comedy of Errors, neither will it be Much Ado About Nothing, but will certainly be very Much As You Like It. Hear them all and you will not find Love's Labor Lost.

Gallup News.

Our Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, with J. P. McClure superintendent.

Misses Laura Hanners and Maggie Belcher and Arnold Childers, Henry Hanners and Dud Gilkerson spent Sunday with Blanche Preston.

Miss Ollie Gose, of Georges creek, was shopping in Gallup Saturday.

Miss Belle Shivel spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shivel entertained quite a number of guests Sunday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sammons, Mrs. Liddia Cooper and son, Miss Hattie Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Shivel and little daughter.

James Pinson, of Louisa, was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Cora Perry Saturday and Sunday.

Prayer meeting here every Wednesday night.

Sam Frazier and John Dobbins, have been visiting friends on Tug river this week.

Mrs. Addie Burgess was calling on her mother, Mrs. A. S. Gilkerson, Sunday.

After meeting Wednesday night most of the population of Gallup took their stand on a mountain overlooking Big Sandy river to watch for Halley's comet. A bon-fire was kindled, and all went merrily, but alas the object of their watching never appeared and at a late hour they pursued their way home, and all had to admit that watching for a comet and seeing one were entirely different.

And That's Going Some.

Mr. Meredith, according to the statement of one of his sons, is the father of twenty-two children, all of whom but five are still living, and most of them are getting well along in years. — Catlettsburg Tribune.

TEACHER'S EXAMINATION.

Result of the Work of Last Friday and Saturday in Lawrence.

There were 86 applicants for teachers' certificates at the examination held here Friday and Saturday. The result was 14 firsts, 33 seconds, 1 thirds and 8 failures. 5 under age took the examination for grades only.

The highest grades were made by Grover Daniel, 90 2-11, Lige Rice 88 2-11, J. B. Artrip 88 1-11.

Those making first class certificates were, Nora Conley, Linsworth, M. Daniel, Otto Goldie Penn, Oscar Prince, Thompson, M. Preston and Miss May county, was view hospital. 83.

Na—g a Sore Knee.

While tossing the ball with his ant of young nephews last Monday George he ded. R. Burgess dislocated the cap of six of his right knee. The injury causes a limp but is not serious.